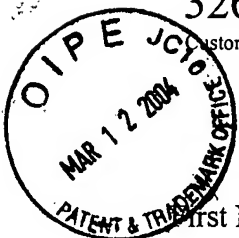


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that articles having a liquid crystal display panel have been commercially available in at least the United States for more than 1 year wherein the articles included either a first or a second brightness enhancing film. The first brightness enhancing film is the reaction product of the same composition as Comparative Example A and B of U.S. patent application serial 10/727830 except that the photoinitiator consisted of 2 parts per hundred of a photoinitiator commercially available under the trade designation "Darocur 4265". Darocur 4265 is a 1:1 blend of 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropiophenone photoinitiator and diphenyl(2,4,6 trimethylbenzoyl) phosphine oxide. The second brightness enhancing film was independently developed by a contract supplier and thus the composition is not known. It is believed that the composition comprises the kinds and amount of reactants claimed in U.S. patent application serial 10/727830 except for the photoinitiator.

Based on analysis of the second brightness enhancing film, the photoinitiator consists of 2.75 wt-% of a photoinitiator having the same structure as a photoinitiator commercially available under the trade designation "Irgacure 184".

Respectfully submitted,

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